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Applicant: Desgroselliers et al.
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Examiner: Ram R. Shukla
Title: MAMMALIAN STAUFEN AND USE THEREOF

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on August 23, 2001, in connection with the above-identified patent application, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on November 23, 2001, with a three month (3) extension of time. The Applicants submit concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, to and including November 23, 2001, accompanied by the required fee.

IN THE DISCLOSURE:

At page 7, between lines 12 and 13, please insert "SUMMARY OF

THE INVENTION".

At pages 42, line 4 to p. 43, line 7, kindly replace by the following: "annealed complementary oligonucleotides 5'-AGCTTAATTAGCTGAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:12) and 5'-AGCTGTCAGCTAATTA-3' (SEQ ID NO:13). The MBP/mSTAU fusion protein, containing the full-length mStau sequence, was generated by PCR amplification with Vent DNA polymerase (N w England BioLabs),